

I am writing regarding the usage of translator service for national radio stations. To be specific, I am in favor of keeping national radio stations that are broadcasted across various regional translators.

1. I listen to Air1 Radio in Southwestern Idaho. In my area, there is no other station that is like Air1. It's content and format meets a great need here that would not be possible if it weren't for the translator service that brought it to us.
2. As a citizen in a rural part of the Northwest, I drive hundreds of miles in various directions that are sparsely populated, and would not have many local station options if it weren't for translator services that brought in national and other broadcasts. Because of this, I am able to listen to Air1 as I travel from Idaho through parts of Oregon and into Nevada. This is a great service since there are few other choices, if any, in these areas.
3. If Air1 (and services like it) were taken off the air to make room for Low Power FM stations, our community would be deprived of a valuable source of inspiration, joy, and freedom of choice since there would be no other station like it to fill the void.
4. Air1 is in the public's interest because it promotes self-awareness, community involvement, help for those in need, and responsible living. Our community, and those across the nation, who receive this valuable broadcasting service reap multiple benefits every day.

I would hate to see the FCC change its regulations in such a way as to discriminate against a national broadcasting service such as Air1. Please take these comments into consideration as you consider this "Localism" campaign (which in truth may cause "locals" all over to suffer). Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Steve Underwood